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**Washington, DC 20231**

New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
DEGRADING A WEB IN THE MACHINE  
DIRECTION WHILE PRESERVING CROSS-  
MACHINE DIRECTION STRENGTH  
Inventors: Paul J. Ruthven et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 66 pages, including 12 independent claims and 123 claims total.
2. Drawings- 13 sheets of drawings (Figures 1A-17D).
3. Certificate of Express Mailing No. EL685885156US
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
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Total Claims	123	-	20	103	x \$18	1854.00
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

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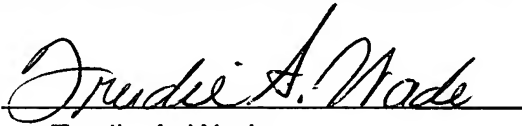
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Enclosures:

1. Transmittal Letter (3 pages)
2. Application 66 pages including 12 Independent claims and 123 claims total
3. 13 Sheets of Formal Drawings - Figures 1A-17D
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